

Seattle City Light

Randall W. Hardy, Superintendent
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October 3, 1990

Mr. Rick Beeler
City of Tukwila
Department of Community Development
6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188

Dear Mr. Beeler:

Please find enclosed a copy of the completed checklist and determination of non-significance (DNS) covering Seattle City Light's proposed property lease to the Boeing Company. The Boeing Company is considering a long-term lease of the project area for a proposed wind tunnel complex. This DNS applies only to City Light's lease action and is the first step of a phased environmental review of the wind tunnel project.

I understand that the City of Tukwila has assumed lead agency status and will be working with King County and the City of Seattle to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement for a Boeing redevelopment proposal which also includes a wind tunnel site. As noted in the checklist (page 2), City Light believes that a project-specific environmental review is needed for this project primarily because it will require 200 to 375 MW of electricity (peak). This is a potentially significant impact on City Light's distribution system and need for energy resources. However, since Boeing has provided no definite information on the project, it is difficult to accurately evaluate its energy impacts at this time. Therefore, further environmental review is needed as more information becomes available.

City Light is concerned that the potential energy and resource impacts of this project be adequately assessed and mitigated. The Utility routinely evaluates the energy impacts of all new development proposals in its service area that are permitted by other agencies to ensure that load management goals are met. The proposed wind tunnel complex is the largest facility that the Utility has ever been asked to provide service for.

For this reason, we would like to be involved in reviewing and commenting on the EIS scope for Boeing's redevelopment

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proposal or any other proposal related to this project that is within our service area. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Kirvil Skinnarland, Director
Environmental Affairs Division

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Enclosure

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Development Division
John Doan, Seattle Department of Construction and Land
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